



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2666

Vocational and Technical Entrepreneurship Development Act of 2001

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Small Business on August 1, 2001

SUMMARY

H.R. 2666 would require the Small Business Administration (SBA) to issue grants to small business development centers (SBDCs) so that they can help schools design curricula for teaching vocational and technical entrepreneurship. SBDCs are jointly funded by the private sector, schools, and federal, state, and local governments to provide management assistance to current and prospective small business owners.

H.R. 2666 would authorize the appropriation of \$7 million a year during the 2002-2004 period to fund the new program. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$20 million over the 2002-2006 period, assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 2666 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). The bill would benefit state and local governments by providing grants to promote vocational and technical entrepreneurship. Any costs to entities receiving grants under this program would be incurred voluntarily.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2666 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 370 (commerce and housing credit). For this estimate, CBO assumes that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each year and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns for similar SBA programs.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	7	7	7	0	0
Estimated Outlays	5	6	7	2	a
a. Less than \$500,000.					

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

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